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Fort Lauderdale Police, Schools Partner to Offer Students



Water Playgrounds, New Pavilion and Junior League Playstation **Emerge Bringing New Recreational Offerings**

to Offer Students **Opportunity To Explore Law Enforcement**

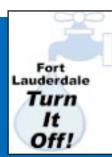
One-on-One **Professional Services Enhanced** At One-Stop Shop





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Budget Highlights For FY 2001/02, Public Meetings, Blues Fest Activities, Fire Prevention Tips and more!





Mayor's Message

City Commission

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Citizen Support Needed For More Green Space

The City of Fort Lauderdale is blessed with residents who are passionate supporters of parks and green space in our City. Our citizens have consistently voted in favor of funding parks and green space for a strong and healthy quality of life in our neighborhoods.

In 1996, citizens passed a \$35 million bond in the City of Fort Lauderdale to enhance existing parks and increase green space and recreational amenities throughout the City. In November 2000, residents of Fort Lauderdale as citizens of Broward County voted in support of the Safe Parks and Land Preservation Bond referendum. This bond authorized the expenditure of \$400 million to preserve open space and enhance swimming pools, neighborhood parks and regional parks through the County. Recently, the Broward County

Land Preservation and Acquisition Advisory Board (LPAAB) met to form criteria and guidelines for the expenditure of \$48 million for open space acquisition. During that meeting, board members discussed allocating dollars to municipalities in lump sum payments rather than allocating funds in accordance with the tax base of each municipality or population. While this will provide smaller cities with a valuable amount of funding to meet their needs, it will not adequately compensate the needs of our City in a fair and equitable manner. Here's why.

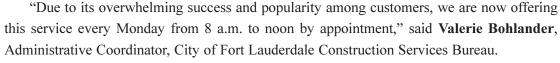
The City of Fort Lauderdale has a resident population of 152,397 - the largest among 30 municipalities which make up Broward County' 1.6 million population. Our citizens alone contribute 17 percent of the tax base for Broward

County. In other words, out of the \$400 million bond funds, City of Fort Lauderdale homeowners will contribute \$68 million. At this time, we are asking citizens for their support in ensuring that board members appropriate funding in an equitable approach. The LPAAB meets on the 1st and third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Governmental Center, 115 S. Andrews Ave. I also urge you to call or email your County Commissioner. If you do not know who your County Commissioner is, visit the website Broward County www.broward.org or call the Broward County Commission Office directly at (954) 357-7000. Additional information can be received by calling the City of Fort Lauderdale's Parks and Recreation Department at (954-828-PARK).

City Expands Professional Days' Personal Service

Professional Days, the one-on-one personalized service provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale Construction Services Bureau just got better. Professional Days, implemented 10 months ago to give customers the opportunity to meet one-on-one with staff to

discuss and resolve specific issues regarding planning and or permitting has been expanded from a bimonthly service to a weekly service.



In addition to providing more Professional Days throughout the month, walk-through permitting services have also been expanded to Monday - Friday, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, customers may call (954) 828-5191.

At left, Planner II Mike Ciesielski discusses permit uses with Todd Harrington of American Pawn & Check Cashing. Photograph featured at bottom right of front cover captures Chief Mechanical Inspector George Stavrou advising Razi Gridi of Cool Zone Air Conditioners and local architect Kaizer Talib on plan changes for a local townhouse project.



City Manager's Message



Floyd T. Johnson

Reflections On Tragedy and Renewal

The events that transpired on September 11, 2001 lie heavily on the hearts and minds of individuals in our nation and have produced far reaching global effects. By the time this publication reaches the presses, our country will have mourned the loss and prayed for those whose lives were taken. In this space, I will not attempt to repeat those prayers nor devastating accounts, but rather reflect on their significance and offer words of hope and inspiration.

This terrible event induced all of us to look introspectively at the violence of bigotry and divisiveness perpetrated in our lives by those who seek to weaken the foundation of our nation. Yet, in the worst of weeks, we have seen individuals unite, come forward and put aside the differences regardless of ethnicity, religion, national origin or gender. We have seen humility and perspective. We have seen compassion and grace. We have seen

heart and humanity. Communities have come forward to embrace the diversity that is the strength of our nation - the first steps toward unified healing.

As we watch this terrible tragedy continue to unfold, citizens and organizations tirelessly are contributing toward relief efforts for the victims and their families. In our own community, members of our Fire-Rescue Department serve as members of the highly trained Urban Search and Rescue teams in New York, while those who remain take part in efforts to raise funds for the Widows & Children's Fund of firefighters who lost their lives. Our own neighborhoods continue efforts with City departments designed to make a difference in the midst of this tragedy.

While some say the process of making art is therapeutic, others say reading sometimes has the same effect. In the months to come, a variety of special events and gatherings will continue to

provide the community with ways to embrace their diversity. Here are some highlights to mark on your calendars.

On November 3, the City of Fort Lauderdale will host the 15th annual Sound Advice Blues Festival. This collaboration of artists from around the nation will provide a much needed vehicle for the community to enjoy.

Once known as Armistice Day, which marked the end of World War I, November 11 is set aside as a day for national recognition for the contribution of our military veterans.

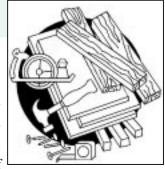
On December 8th, the Olympic Torch and local torchbearers will take to the streets of Fort Lauderdale. This is yet another symbol of international unity.

So often, it is a tragedy that brings a community, city and nation together. It is my hope that our Fort Lauderdale family will take part in these significant renewal efforts

Free Workshop Offers Tips To Doing Business

On October 18, the City of Fort Lauderdale Engineering and Architecture Bureau will host a free workshop to provide information about doing business with the City on municipal engineering and architectural projects.

A "How To Do Business Workshop" will take place on the eighth floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave., from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The workshop will address a variety of topics designed for general contractors, as well as small and medium-sized consulting firms, which wish to provide design and construction services to the City. Participants will learn how the City's bid process works for municipal engineering projects, and will be provided with a check list of



items required by vendors in order to enter into contracts with the City. Topics to be addressed also include required licenses, insurances, legal aspects of contracts, an explanation of the City's Construction Standards and Specifications, and standard contract documents used. Information about the construction process regarding permits, construction monitoring, and payment processing will also be provided. For more information, contact **Kymberly Holcombe** at **(954) 828-5083**.

Is Your Smoke Alarm Working?



Citizens Urged To Change Smoke Alarm Battery When Turning Back The Clock On October 28

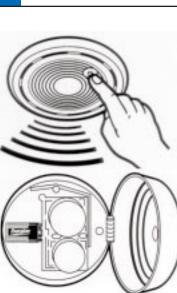
A home fire impacts the life of an American family every 85 seconds. By providing an early warning system and critical extra seconds to escape, a smoke alarm can reduce the risk of a family

dying in a home fire by as much as 50

percent. That is, if the batteries and smoke alarm work.

The City of Fort Lauderdale urges citizens to make certain that all smoke alarms are in working condition by endorsing the national home fire safety

campaign sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Energizer. When you turn your clocks back on October 28, also make a lifesaving change in your household - change the batteries in your smoke alarms. This simple habit takes just a moment, but is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.



Most smoke alarms provide a test button you may test the unit periodically to assure proper operation. Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and be replaced every 10 years. Batteries normally last up to one year, and usually the smoke detector provides an audible indication when the batteries become weak. Ideally, you should have at least one smoke detector on each level of your home.

FY 2001/02 Budget Addresses Priorities, Resources, Needs

Designed as an organizational master plan addressing not only immediate needs but long-term investment as well, the Fiscal Year 2001/2002 budget reflects a commitment to the goals set forth by the City Commission and community in a fiscally responsible approach.

The City Commission adopted final property tax millage rates and the operating budget for FY 2002. The adopted rates total 5.3730 per \$1,000 of taxable value as compared to last year's rate of 5.5664. The owner of a \$150,000 home with a \$25,000 homestead exemption will pay no more in City taxes than they paid in City taxes last year. As part of the budget adoption, the City Commission reduced the General Fund budget by \$2.2 million. City Manager Floyd T. Johnson will be bringing forth his plan as to how such reductions will be implemented. His proposals were being developed at time of press.

The resources reflected in this budget address the City Commission's priorities in the areas of managing growth, supporting planned and completed capital projects, harnessing technology, and funding of critical public safety programs. Here are few highlights:

- * Funding made possible via the bond program will continue to greatly enhance qualify of life issues in recreation and park facilities. Funding will provide for program enhancements to the recently opened Beach Community Center, Lauderdale Manors Pool and Water Playground. Also on tap, are facility enhancements and improvements for the following sites: Croissant Park Recreation Center, Expanded Warfield Park, Snyder Park; 17th Street Park near the new Bridge, Floranada Park, Holiday Park Phase III Improvements, George English Park and Palm Aire Park.
- * Funding of new technology to streamline and enhance customer service in the Construction Services bureau will be implemented. With the legalization of electronic signatures and the ability to pay for permits "on-line" through secured internet software, customers will be serviced right from their workplaces and homes.
- * Full implementation of the new rescue unit on the beach is included in this budget. The new rescue unit will also provide an additional staff to meet the community's public safety needs.
- * Public safety priorities are addressed to further enhance community policing initiatives, operations and manpower.
- * Additional support for a water and sewer master plan will provide the necessary utility infrastructure for the entire community to share in the growth of Fort Lauderdale in an environmentally responsible way.

Parade Of Planes To Taxi Through City Streets

Aviation enthusiasts of all ages are in for a rare treat this fall.

On November 7, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) will kick-off an annual national convention in Fort Lauderdale with a parade of planes for citizens. More than 75 aircraft will taxi through the streets of Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport en route to the Convention Center for the AOPA Expo 2001. Beginning at 10 a.m., a variety small to mid-sized planes will taxi from the airport, proceed north on Federal Highway to S.E. 17th Street, continue east on 17th Street to Eisenhower Boulevard, then finally end south to the Convention Center. On Saturday, November 10th, at 1 p.m., the parade will return to the airport via the same route. Southbound traffic on Federal Highway will be diverted west on S.E. 17th Street to Andrews Avenue. For more information, contact the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau at (954) 765-4466 or the Broward County Aviation Department at (954) 359-6100.

2002 Olympic Torch Relay To Travel Fort Lauderdale Streets

On December 8, various community leaders and civic activists will lace up their sneakers and carry the torch of the Olympic flame along the streets of Fort Lauderdale.

These individuals will serve as torchbearers for the 2002 Olympic Torch Relay on route to Salt Lake City, Utah home of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

Fort Lauderdale is on the fifth day of the 65-day relay through 46



U.S. States. More than 11,500 torchbearers will transport the flame from Atlanta. At 9 a.m., more than 60 torchbearers from throughout Florida will carry the torch along a route through Fort Lauderdale that spans from the Marriott Marina, located at 1881 S.E. 17th St., to to Esplanade Park, located at Southeast Second Street and Fourth Avenue at Riverwalk.

Residents are encouraged to line the streets that are part of the route, and then proceed to Esplanade Park for the festivities. Details of the route will be revealed at a later date. Esplanade Park will be transformed into a festive winter playground featuring a variety of activities for all ages, music and food as well. Updated information will be posted on Channel 38, and the City's website (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us) For additional information on activities and route confirmations as they are coordinated by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, please call (954) 828-4749.

Mark Your Calendars

The City Commission will attend the National League of Cities Conference in Atlanta during the first week of December. Therefore, the meeting regularly scheduled for the first Tuesday of December has been postponed to December 11. The Commission meetings for December 11 will take place as follows:

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

2 p.m. Conference Agenda Meeting (held in the 8th floor Conference Room.)
6 p.m. Regular Agenda Meeting (held in the 1st floor Commission Chambers)
All meetings may be viewed live online at www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us

Water Restrictions Still In Effect

This time last year, water restrictions had been lifted throughout South Florida.

That is not the case this year. Despite staggered afternoon rainstorms this summer, and with the anticipation of a dry winter season, Modified Phase II Water Restrictions are still in effect.

While Lake Okeechobee is not fully replenished, records reveal that citizens have made a tremendous effort in keeping their hands off the tap, limiting the use of their sprinklers and made significant cut backs on water consumption.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our citizens, businesses owners and staff, the City of Fort Lauderdale has met the request of the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to reduce water consumption. In an effort to protect the Biscayne

Aquifer from permanent damage, SFWMD requested water suppliers to reduce water consumption by 20 to 30 percent. Thirty days prior to Phase I water restrictions, the City was pumping an average 54 million gallons of water per day from its two water plants (Charles W. Fiveash Water Treatment Plant and the Walter E. Peele/Dixie Water Treatment Plant).

Phase I cutbacks were announced in December of 2000 and the City reduced water flow by 13.60 percent, or six million gallons a day.

Phase II cutbacks were initiated in January of 2001 and as of August 19, 2001 the City of Fort Lauderdale has reduced outflow by 20.1 percent, or 11 million gallons, thus achieving the goal set by SFWMD.

At this time, the City of Fort Lauderdale would like to thank citizens for continued support in complying with the Modified Phase II Water Restrictions and for continued efforts.

For additional information, please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Public Services Department (954) 828-0880.

Modified Phase II Water Restrictions:

Non-commercial car washing and lawn and landscape irrigation for tracts under five acres is limited to two specific time periods a week. Water only between the hours of 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. on the following days:

For addresses ending in odd numbers Wednesday and Saturday

For addresses ending in even numbers
Thursday and Sunday

Car washing, (non-commercial) or watering by hand with a hose utilizing an automatic shut-off nozzle is permitted between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the same days.





Omayra Tavarez,
PSA/Volunteer
Coordinator for the
Community Support
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Police Department
introduces students
to the curriculum
generated for the 1st
Teen Community
Police Academy.

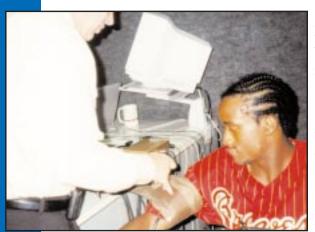
Teen Police Academy

Police Pilot Program With Fort Lauderdale High School Offers Teens Hands-On Experience In Law Enforcement

Law enforcement has taken on a new role in education that includes providing teens with the opportunity to learn about law enforcement as a career option.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has launched a pilot program known as the Teen Police Academy in cooperation with Fort Lauderdale High School's Criminal Justice program. By the end of the school year, approximately 30 students enrolled in Fort Lauderdale High School's Criminal Justice Program will learn about the various departments and careers in a law enforcement agency, as well as how a police agency functions.

"Classes give the students hands-on exposure to many areas of police work and are



During an afternoon tour of the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Station, Sgt. Kevin Sheehan demonstrates how polygraphs are used.

also designed to give students an overview of the police officer's function and better understanding of their Police Department," said **Frank Derusso**, a retired City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department officer who has been teaching Criminal Justice for five years. "Ultimately my goal is to provide them with the opportunities that will help them relate to what they've learned in the classroom."

The program has been designed to achieve various objectives, said Alesia Cappuzzello, Project Director for the City's Community Support Division. The classes are similar to the Citizen Police Academy offered to adults, but include a curriculum designed to hold the interests of teens through a variety of hands-on demonstrations. In addition to a ride along with patrol officers, class dis-

cussions and demonstrations will address Community Policing, the police officer recruitment process, drug enforcement, special investigations, communications and more. Students attend class at the Community Support Division on Sunrise Boulevard three out of the five school days. The program will also provide students with the opportunity to earn up to three college credits.

"This is an exciting initiative for us to offer the youth of our community," said Major **Charles Drago**. "It is our intention to provide them with an exciting curriculum that will serve their career seeking aspirations in law enforcement, as well as enhance the police department community policing endeavors."

For more information, please call **Alesia Cappuzzello**, Project Director, at the Community Support Division of the Police Department at **(954) 828-6433**.

Train To Gain

Landlord/Tenant Training

Offers Resources To Protect Property

Rental property can sometimes serve as a target for crime.

For landlords, it is important to be prepared with the laws and resources in hand to protect them and their property. By the same token, some tenants may find themselves renting from landlords who provide rental housing that is less than inhabitable.

In an effort to provide landlords and tenants with the laws and skills to promote a healthy and safe rental environment, the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department offers a free course - Landlord/Tenant Training. Classes are scheduled for October 17 and November 21. Both classes are held 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Community Support Division at 1113 E. Sunrise Boulevard. Topics discussed provide landlords and tenants with information and resources on:

How to keep illegal activity out of your property;

The Federal Fair Housing Act

What qualifies as Section 8 Housing;

How to screen an applicant;

How to prepare rental property;

Basics of rental agreements;

How to provide ongoing and effective rental management;

How to set up an apartment crime watch program;

How to identify drug activity and prostitution activity,

How to manage a crisis:

City resources available to protect your property.

"Landlords are taught how to be empowered about their property," said Fort Lauderdale Police Department Captain **Paul Kiley**. "Landlords who have attended the classes tell us they find great value in the information provided specifically because of the legal updates they receive and because we cater the class to meet their specific needs."

For more information, or to register for this free class, call the Community Support Division at **(954) 828-6428**.

Fort Lauderdale Police Veteran Named Chief



The City of Fort Lauderdale has named **Bruce G. Roberts**, a veteran of more than 28 years with the City's Police Department, as the new Chief of Police.

On October 1st, Roberts took office and began directing and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Police Department and its \$63 million budget.

Roberts, who joined the force in March 1973 as a police officer, worked his way up through the ranks as sergeant, detective, captain, commander and then Assistant Chief before retiring in March 2000. Roberts returned to the department to serve as Executive Officer. His responsibilities included managing the day-to-day administration and operation of the Police Department, serving as liaison between the Chief and other Department Bureau and Division commanders, and managing the Administrative Section of the Office of the Chief and Staff Inspections which includes Accreditation, Grants, Media Relations and Planning & Research.

Roberts, a St. Thomas University graduate, holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration Criminal Justice, and is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute, Command Officers Development Course.

Roberts serves on various professional and civic organizations including the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, International Association of Chiefs of Police, Broward County Chiefs of Police Association and the Fraternal Order of Police.

Public Safety Pros Pitch In

At press time, six out of 15 Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department firefighter/paramedics departed for New York as members of the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Team to help in the World Trade Center rescue efforts.

As search efforts continue, the remaining team members are expected to be called to duty at a later time. The 15 members, who serve as part of South Florida Task Force II - one of 27 Federal Emergency Management Agency teams nationwide, dedicate personal time to train and obtain specialized skills in order to serve and respond in a wide variety of emergencies and disasters.

"The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department is proud of its USAR members," said City of Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Chief **Otis Latin**. "These members represent an impressive group of individuals who are committed to the highest level of efficiency and training in order to provide the necessary life-saving services to our nation when needed most."



USAR members are shown during a training session at the City of Miami Training Facility where firefighter/paramedics simulate shoring and concrete drilling exercises. These and other skills are vital to the rescue efforts currently underway in New York.



The Right Tool To Write-Off Graffiti

Property values and the identity of a community are changed by graffiti. As a result, there can be significant damage to property investment and the economic health of a community when graffiti is unabated.

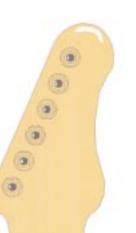
The City of Fort Lauderdale addresses graffiti through a municipal ordinance that states all graffiti must be removed by the property owner within 24 hours of occurrence. As a result, the City has a program in place that provides citizens, especially young people, with an easy opportunity to give police information about graffiti vandals and their activities that guarantees anonymity.

Here are a few tips to remember. Call the Graffiti Hotline (954) 759-6403:

- To report locations graffiti;
- For resources to help organize community clean-up days.
- For information on removal supplies and techniques if you have graffiti on your property.
- To provide information to help apprehend criminals.

For additional information on graffiti eradication, log on to the City of Fort Lauderdale website (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us).





STELLAR Blues Fest NOVEMBER



FESTIVAL HOURS Friday 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

ADMISSIONS:

IN ADVANCE	
Daily	\$12
Two day pass	\$20
Three day pass	\$25

AT THE GATE **Daily** \$15 Two day pass \$25 Three day pass \$35 Children 12 & under are free, free parking. No

refunds on admissions.

One of the country's premier Blues Festivals is back and it's practically in your backyard.

> The Sound Advice Blues Festival, featuring some of the nation's best blues musicians, celebrates its 15th anniversary in grand style at the Fort Stadium Lauderdale Grounds, November 2 - 4.

Some of the highlights during this year's activities include the popular VIP Roadhouse Grill Backstage Café, the History/Cultural workshop area, Acoustic Stage, the Cool Blues Kids Zone, the Sports Tent, Arts and Crafts vendors, plenty of food, Blues Hour Coffee House, two stages of continuous music and more.

Sit back and absorb sounds from the fiery fingertips of some of this nation's legendary and up-and-coming artists. The Back Woods Area on the Blues Corner Stage is where many of the performers will host workshops, talk about the history of the

blues and the beginning of their careers. Don't miss acoustic blues and folk sounds at the Back Woods Acoustic Stage. Take time out, sip some java and unwind at the Blues Hour Coffee House.

Arts and crafters will display a variety of works, restaurants will cook some of the finest Creole and BBQ in the south, and the Cool Blues Kids Zone will feature crafts, songs and activities for the children. In addition, the children will learn about recycling, engage in a recycling scavenger hunt and make instruments from their recycling treasures. Various recycling receptacles will be available throughout the park to promote recycling for adults as well. Grab a seat at the Sports Tent featuring four large-screen televisions and highlighting the days' sports and outdoor activities for all athletic enthusiasts.

The VIP Roadhouse Grill Backstage Café returns with "behind the scenes" seating for dinner and dancing "Under the Stars" each night. The Café will offer exclusive and limited VIP seating, a magnificent view of the stage, a wooden dance floor and private restroom. Each VIP ticket holder will receive a dinner, served buffet style, including beverages. Dessert will be served each night during the featured performance. Make your reservations early. For more information, call the 24-Hour Cool Blues Hotline at 1-866-352-3378 or log on to www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/festivals.

Sound Advice Main Stage

FRIDAY

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Shadow Casters 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Hubert Sumlin, Pinetop Perkins (shown at right) w/Sean Chambers

9:30 - 11 p.m. Ike Turner & the Kings of Rhythm

SATURDAÝ

11 a.m. - Noon Chris Rehm and the Rabble Rousers

1 p.m. -2 p.m. Bobby Stringer & Special Touch Band

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Big City Blues Band

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Eddy "The Chief" Clearwater (shown below)

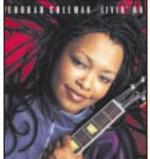
7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Deborah Coleman (shown below) & The Thrillseekers

10 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers **SUNDAY**

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Richard Johnston

3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Keb' Mo'

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers



Front Porch Stage FRIDAY

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Stan Street & the Street Walkers 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. James "Super Chikan" Johnson

SATURDAY

Noon - 1p.m. Hardluck Blues Band

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Lady A Blues Band

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Curtis Salgado

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. EG Kight 9 p.m. - 10 p.m. Anders Osborne

SUNDAY

11 a.m. - 1p.m. "Suburban Blues Jam" 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Kelley Hunt 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Chris Beard Blues Band

Back Woods Acoustic Stage

FRIDAY

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Bent Fender

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Richard Johnston

SATURDAY

Noon - 1p.m. Heidi & the El Cats

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Street People

4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Nick Trill

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Anders Osborne 9 p.m. - 10 p.m. Ray Bonneville

SUNDAY

Noon - 1p.m. John the Cop

2:30 - 3:30 pm Kim Roque and Patty Lewis

5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Ben Prestage & David Hawkins

Blues Corner

FRIDAY

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Ike' Talks About the Blues **SATURDAY**

1p.m.- 2 p.m. Women In Blues - hosted by Dar: E.G.

Kight, Deborah Coleman and Kelley Hunt

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Richard Johnston

& Super Chikan 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. TBA

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Pinetop Perkins & Eddy "the Chief"

Clearwater **SUNDAY**

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Curtis Salgado "My Favorite Things"

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Ray Bonneville



Splish! Splash!

Lauderdale Manors Water Playground Makes A Splash With New Water Fun

On September 8, the City of Fort Lauderdale expanded its slate of recreational amenities with the grand opening of a new pool and water playground complex in the Lauderdale Manors neighborhood.

The 14,500 sq. ft. pool and playground facility sits on approximately half of an acre. The free-form shaped water playground is approximately 2,700 sq. ft. and features a



The Lauderdale Manors Water Playground is located at 1340 Chateau Park Dr.

blue whale, yellow fish, three colorful slides, two water guns, a water umbrella and two "lil squirts" water amenities offering water spouts for younger children. Collectively the interactive water facility guarantees a fun-filled drenching experience for all visitors. The water playground pool is zero depth to 18-inches deep in the center providing parents with the ability to relax while keeping young swimmers in sight.

The new "Learn to Swim" pool consists of four lap lanes. The pool's interior ergonomics enhance the teaching environment with depths ranging from 3.5-feet at the shallow end and 6-feet at the deepest end. Access into the ADA accessible "learn to swim" pool is via a hydraulic deck-mounted lift that is designed to allow an individual to transfer from a wheelchair to the lift and lower his or herself into the pool without special assistance. The water playground has a zero depth entry area that allows a wheelchair bound individual to roll from the pool deck into the pool.

"The facility is a wonderful addition to the community and our City," said **Vince Gizzi**, Superintendent of Special Facilities. "The playground was designed to help acclimate young children to water as well as provide children and their parents with a recreational amenity offering a tremendous amount of fun."

"With drowning being the #1 killer of children under 4 years of age, we are very excited to have the new pool at Lauderdale Manors Park, as it was designed for "Learn To Swim" programs," said **Suzanne Broucek**, Community Programs Supervisor. The new pool is shallow (4 feet and under) at both ends, providing us the ability to teach more preschooler and beginner swimming classes."

Hours of operation for the pool and water playground are from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekends. Admission fees are .50 cents for children and \$1 for adults.

The construction of the Lauderdale Manors Pool and Water Playground is part of the City of Fort Lauderdale's Parks Bond Program, a \$35 million initiative which City residents passed in November 1996 to expand, upgrade and improve the entire City parks system. For more information, contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department at **(954) 828-PARK (7275)**.

All Aboard!

The Junior League Play Station Makes Its First Stop

Make tracks to the brand new Junior League Play Station at Holiday Park on November 3 at 11 a.m. That's when the brand new, train-themed playground officially opens for fun and good times!

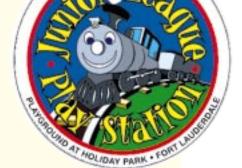
As part of the celebration, a new pavilion next to the playground will be dedicated to Thomas L. Tapp, former City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Director who recently retired after 18 years of service. The pavilion will serve as the perfect spot for birthday parties and family picnics.

Under the direction of the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale and in partnership with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, \$100,000 of a \$200,000 commitment has been raised by the Junior League to underwrite the purchase of the new playground equipment.

The ADA accessible playground, sits on 1.2 acres in Holiday Park just east of War Memorial Auditorium. The playground features colorful equipment for toddlers and juniors and is centered around a little bit of history: an authentic 1936 Fort Lauderdale Switching Engine. In addition, one of the last remaining South Florida Slash Pine Groves in the City of Fort Lauderdale stands nearby.

Future plans include the installation of a nature trail and a brick paver landing. To purchase bricks or sponsor trees or playground equipment, please contact the Junior League at (954) 462-1350.

For more information about the playground, pavilion or Grand Opening, call (954) 828-7275.



City Park Garage, shown above, is located on the corner of S.E. 1st Street and S.E. 1st Avenue.



Now You Can Charge It!

City Park Garage offers Credit Card Accepting Meters

Parking at the City of Fort Lauderdale City Park Garage is fast and simple now that citizens have the option to pay by credit card for their parking.

The installation of 12 new multi-space meters featuring the ability to accept credit cards is the latest upgrade to City Park Garage, located on the corner of S.E. 1st Street and S.E. 1st Avenue.

The new meters accept credit cards, the new \$5 and \$10 bills, the new \$1 coin and also feature the capability of displaying the maximum parking time allowable per entry, which is six hours maximum on the first floor and up to 10 hours maximum on the second and third floors for the City Park Garage.

The City's Parking Services Division conducted an informal poll of frequent customers to the City Park Garage regarding the new meters.

"Customers utilizing the multi-space meters for the first time expressed how much they preferred the new machines with the added ability to accept credit cards as well as the immediate notice to them regarding how long they can stay in their space," said **John Hoelzle**, Assistant Parking and Central Services Manager.

The upgrade at City Park Garage is one in a series of meter enhancements being implemented throughout the City. The credit card accepting multi-space meters are currently in use at the following locations:

- * Oceanside Beach Parking Lot, located on Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard (A-1-A) and Las Olas Boulevard;
- * Las Olas Intracoastal Parking Lot, located on the Intracoastal waterway beside the Las Olas Boulevard bridge;
- * Sebastian Lot, located on the corner of Sebastian Street and Seabreeze Boulevard (two solar powered multi-space meters are in place);
- * Bridgeside Place Garage, located on the south side of Oakland Park Boulevard one block west of Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard (A-1-A);
- * East Las Olas Business District, along Las Olas Boulevard for evening use after 6:30 p.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Also in the works is the replacement of the two multi-space meters in the Arts & Science District Garage with new multi-space meters, as well as the new installation of a multi-space solar powered meter at the parking lot located at 101 S.E. 3rd Ave. The meters were recently approved by the City Commission, all with the capability of accepting credit cards, new bills and one dollar coins. Once completed, a total of 55 out of 59 multi-space meters will have been installed throughout the City which provide parking customers the ability to pay for parking with credit cards.

Semi-Annual Auction Offers Bidders Great Deals

The City of Fort Lauderdale will hold its next semi-annual auction on December 5, 2001 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1302 S.W. 2nd Court, located behind the police station.

A wide variety of items will be placed on the auction block



to the highest bidder. Items include surplus and confiscated vehicles, abandoned evidence and other City property and equipment. All property will be sold "as is" and "where is". The City makes no warranty or guarantee to the condition, year of manufacture, model number or operation of any unit of property. All sales will be final. The terms are cash.

All bidders are required to register prior to the auction in order to receive an auction number. Prospective bidders may pre-register in one of the following ways:

- 1. Visit the Purchasing Division at City Hall (100 N. Andrews Ave., Room #619) any day prior to the auction, and fill out the bidders registration form.
- 2. Download the registration form from the City's website (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/purchasing/auction)
 - 3. Register on day of the auction beginning at 8 a.m.

For more information, call the Purchasing Division Auction Hotline (954) 828-5960 for recorded information.



Renew Your Commitment To Recycling

The City of Fort Lauderdale in partnership with The Habitat Re-Store, will conduct a paint giveaway during America Recycles Day.

The City of Fort Lauderdale will distribute free exterior latex paint between noon and 8 p.m. on November 15 at The Habitat Re-Store, 513 W. Broward Blvd. Citizens can choose from five colors that will be available -

Desert Sand, Bright
Terracotta, Mauve,
Aqua and Gray.
The paint, supplied in five-gallon buckets, has
been recycled from

donated paint delivered to Broward County's Household Hazardous Waste collection drop-off sites. The donated paint has been re-blended for residential and community use through Broward County's Office of Integrated Waste Management's Household Hazardous Waste Program.

For more information, contact Casey Eckels at (954) 828-5577.

Mark Your Calendars

The next Recycle Corps meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers on the 8th floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. A variety of topics will be addressed including changes to current programs and current recycling activities. Parking is available in the City Hall parking garage on the east side of the building. For more information, contact **Casey Eckels**, Recycling Coordinator at **828-5577**.

Keep An Eye On The Clock



The beach parking lots operating under the new parking hours appear from top to bottom respectively: Las Olas Intracoastal Parking Lot, left, followed by the Oceanside Parking Lot and Beachside Parking Lot shown in order below.

A Reminder To Motorists Regarding Beach Parking Hours

Changes to parking hours at three municipal beach parking lots were implemented this summer.

As a courtesy to citizens and motorists, the City of Fort Lauderdale Parking Services Division would like to remind residents to comply with the new hours of operation posted on signs throughout the following parking facilities:

1. Las Olas Intracoastal Parking Lot, located on the Intracoastal waterway and

beside the Las Olas Boulevard bridge is open from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m. All vehicles must be out of the lot by 2 a.m. daily;

2. Oceanside Beach
Parking Lot, located on A1-A and Las Olas
Boulevard, is open from 6
a.m. until 2 a.m. ll vehicles
must be out of the lot by 2 a.m. daily;



3. **South Beach Parking Lot**, located on the beach, east of Bahia Mar on A-1-A, is open from 6 a.m. until 2 a.m. daily. Vehicles are admitted into the lot between the hours of 6 a.m. and midnight. All vehicles must be out of the lot by 2 a.m. daily.

Failure to comply with the revised hours will result in a parking citation. Towing of vehicles parked in these lots after the posted 2 a.m. lot closing time is being considered by the City. At this time, the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department and Parking Services Division enforce the lot closing times. For more information call (954) 828-3700.





Meet TMAX's One Millionth Travelers

The City of Fort Lauderdale and the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association (TMA) celebrated the ridership of the free TMAX mini-bus service by acknowledging the one millionth passenger in August.

Four lucky frequent riders were honored at the TMAX *One In A Million Ceremony* at Las Olas Riverfront. Mayor Jim Naugle was on hand to meet and congratulate the winners. The winners as they appear in the photo on the left, are Gwendolyn Williams, (left) an employee of Broward Community College, Michael Dibari (middle back) a local musician and his son Mickey (middle front) who are travelers of the North Beach route, and Tonja Upchurch (right) a frequent traveler of the Northwest circulator.

TMAX circulates through the communities of Galt Ocean Mile, North Beach, Lauderdale Manors and Northwest Fort Lauderdale for residents and workers in an effort to reduce air pollution and decrease traffic and parking congestion in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

For more information, call TMAX at (954) 761-3543.

Fire Prevention Week Promotes Safety

Human error and equipment problems associated with cooking, heating and the equipment that provides electrical services are among the leading causes of U.S. home fires according to the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA).

Fire Prevention Week runs October 7 - 13 to promote fire prevention and safety. The City of Fort Lauderdale Fire Prevention Bureau is pitching in to promote public awareness of this with a public safety campaign led by the NFPA. The campaign themed "Cover the Bases & Strike Out Fire"is designed to help children and adults extinguish most of the risk of home fires by identifying for adults and children how they start while offering simple steps to avoid them. Central to this year's activities hosted by the City of Fort Lauderdale is an essay contest geared to 5th grade students.

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Teachers and students are urged to participate. If you'd like to know more about activities, lesson plans or other fire prevention tips to keep your home free from fire, contact Jorge Mederos, Community Education Coordinator for the City of Fort Lauderdale Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department's Fire Prevention Bureau, at (954) 828-6370. In an effort to promote fire prevention and safety, the City of Fort Lauderdale, Fire Prevention Bureau and the NFPA offer the following facts and suggestions:

First Base - Tips On Kitchen Safety

Cooking fires are the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States according to NFPA statistics. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires. Here are some tips:

- * Never leave food cooking on the stovetop unattended and keep a close eye on food cooking in the oven.
- * Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles such as potholders, towels, rags, drapes, and food packaging.
- * Keep children and pets away from cooking areas by creating a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the stove.
- * Turn pot handles inward

Second Base - Heading For Safety

Heating fires are the second leading cause of home fires, especially during the months of December, January, and February. Keep these tips in mind;

* Space heaters need space. Space

- heaters should be at least three feet (one meter) away from walls, furniture, and anything that can burn, including people and pets.
- * Always use the proper fuel in a heater. For example, never use gasoline as a fuel in a heater designed for kerosene or oil.
- * Portable space heaters should be turned off every time you leave the room.

Rounding Third - Electrical Safety

According to the NFPA, an average 38,400 home fires recorded each year are associated with inappropriate wiring, switches, outlets, cords and plugs, fuse and circuit breaker boxes, and other equipment involved in distributing electricity around the home. These electrical service equipment fires annually kill 352 people and injure 1,343 annually. Fixed wiring causes 1/3 of home electrical distribution fires. Follow these tips:

* Replace or repair any electrical device with a loose or frayed cord.

- * Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
- * In homes with small children, electrical outlets should have plastic safety covers.
- * Follow the manufacturer's instructions for plugging an appliance into a receptacle outlet. As an added precaution, plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet.

Home Plate - The Basics

- * Install at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home as well as in or near all sleeping areas.
- * Smoke alarms should be tested once a month and batteries replaced once a year or when the alarm beeps, warning that the battery is low.
- * Every household should develop and practice a home fire escape plan that includes two ways out of every room and an outside meeting place.

For additional tips, contact Jorge Mederos at (954) 828-6503.

The City, in partnership with the Florida Atlantic University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) continues to provide consulting and training seminars free of charge. The following is a list of the upcoming educational opportunities being offered. All seminars are held from 6 p.m. -8 p.m. on the 8th floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. For more information, call (954) 828-4515.

Selling Skills For Profit

Looking to increase your sales? Are you hesitant about prospecting? Then don't miss the October 23rd session titled "The Buyer- Seller Dance: Selling Skills for the New Millennium." This seminar will cover such topics as the right sales approach, know when to close the sale, how to cultivate an effective client/salesperson relationship.

Guerilla Marketing Strategies

The November 27 seminar will teach you how to effectively use marketing strategies to build your customer base. Get some basics on public and media relations, learn where to get free advertising and publicity, see what's available on the World Wide Web, and much more. Most important, learn how to make it all work for you.

City Commission Accepts Golf Center Concept For Wingate Site

Crews Nearly Finished with EPA Remedy

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission accepted the unanimous recommendation of the Community Advisory Council (CAC) to transform the Wingate Road landfill and incinerator site into a golf center with clubhouse and banquet facilities for community functions.

The CAC unanimously endorsed the golfing center at its CAC, composed of community residents and interested parties, was created in 1998 to advise the city and EPA on community concerns and redevelopment preferences.

"Two years ago, a community meeting was held to discuss the potential re-use of the site, and the community overwhelmingly supported the creation of open space for recreational use," said Commissioner Carlton B. Moore, whose district includes the site. "Since that time it has become increasingly clear that a golfing facility on the Wingate site may be the best possible end-use."

The decision came as environmental contractors moved closer to completing the Environmental Protection Agency's cleanup plan at the landfill, 1300 NW 31st Ave. The cleanup and redevelopment of the 60-acre site were priorities of the City since 1978, when the landfill and incinerator closed under an agreement with environmental regulators.

"This is a turning point for an entire neighborhood," said Kassandra Barnes, CAC co-chair. "Our goal has been to see the site transformed into a community asset, a source of pride. A golfing development, with banquet facilities and clubhouse for community purposes, is an ideal end use for the site."



monthly meeting in July. The Work crews carefully install the black protective liner over the old Wingate Landfill. The geosynthetic membrane will cover about 36.5 acres of the 60-acre site. Once the liner is in place, work crews will cover it with 18 inches of clean soil, 6 inches of topsoil and finally seed and mulch or sod.

"We hope to see new life injected into our community," said Robert Smith, CAC co-chair. "We are very proud of the members of the community who attended the CAC meetings and made their voices heard during the past three years."

Moore said other EPA Superfund sites, among approximately 70 other landfills, have been successfully transformed into golf courses throughout the United States in the past 39 years.

"A golfing complex represents new jobs, increased property values, green space and conversion of an idle asset into a beneficial re-use," Moore said. "A golfing development also allows for constant environmental monitoring of the site."

"Through its vote in July, the City Commission authorized a feasibility study by the National Golf Foundation to evaluate a golfing development at Wingate," said Greg Kisela, Fort Lauderdale assistant city manager. "We anticipate having the results of that study this fall," he said.

In the meantime, the extensive beautification of the former landfill also began. Work crews started placing 18 inches of clean soil on the top of the protective liner covering the landfill. Later, landscaping teams will haul in some 45,000 cubic yards of topsoil and then lay down sod and plant shrubbery.

This system will prevent human contact with landfill material and protect drinking water supplies. The site will be monitored for 30 years.

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The Big Truck Extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, October 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will take place at Holiday Park, Sunrise Boulevard and Federal Highway, in the green space just east of Parker Playhouse. Children can explore their favorite big trucks and meet the people who operate them at this "hands-on, fun-

filled event with other activities including hay rides. Demonstrations with fire trucks, police cars, monster SWAT units, tractors and more will be on hand for this free event. Registration for Youth Soccer programs will also be available throughout the day. For more information call (954) 762-8941.

For Families On Friday Nights

Enjoy live music by Hot Brass Monkey on November 9th with the continuation of **Bank of America Starlights at Riverwalk.** On December 7th, don't miss the high energy performance of Flight. The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department and Bank of America present a monthly series of Friday night concerts at the DDA Plaza amphitheater, located on the corner of East Las Olas Boulevard and Andrews Avenue. Scheduled for the first Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., a new performer will set the stage for an evening of live music by the water. Concerts are intended for the entire family. A variety of food and beverages will be



available for purchase. Beach blankets, chairs and picnic baskets are welcome. Plenty of parking is available at the City Park Garage located on S.E. 1st Avenue, east of Broward County Main Library Branch.

For additional information on future artists performing, call the Bank of America Starlights on the River hotline at (954) 828-6500.



Creatures of the Night

Catch a hayride through Holiday Park for a fun and frightless Halloween treat at Creatures of the Night on Friday, October 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Join the City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department and Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre for a slow tour through Holiday Park and meet some friendly night creatures. Tour begins at the Holiday Park Social Center. Space is limited. Contact **Kim Warren** (954) 762-8941 for reservations. Tickets are \$3 per person. Children ages 5 -10 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Dana Paul Jump N'Jive

month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event extends from Las Olas

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Riverfront to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

For more information call the hotline at **(954) 828-5985** or visit the City's web site **(www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us)**.

November 4 - Dana Paul, Johnny Padilla, Billy Marcus Quartet, Spirit Ensemble and Racquel Williams

December 2 - Jump N'Jive, Patty Wicks Trio, Fly by Night, Len Perry Group and Boca Brass

Safe Driving Lessons For Teens

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with The New Driver Car Control Clinic continue to provide teens with the Smooth Operator Program this fall. The Smooth Operator Program © is a three-part driver education and training course that provides three modules:

Module I, "Road Signs, Road Rules & Road Rage";
Module II, "Traffic Laws and Substance Abuse Education";
Module III, "The New Driver Car Control Clinic". two sessions available daily. Sessions are be offered at Lockhart Stadium, 1350 NW 55th Street, on the following dates:

Module I Fridays, 5 p.m 8 p.m.	Module II - Saturdays, 9 a.m 2 p.m.	Module III - Sundays 8:30 a.m12:30 p.m. or 1p.m5 p.m.
October 12,	October 13,	October 14, 28,
November 9,	November 10,	November 11,
November 30,	December 1,	November 25,
December 14	December 15	December 8,
		December 16

The cost of the Smooth Operator Program is \$120 for the complete three module course, which includes 12 hours of education, use of City vehicles, training, plus all training materials and certificates of completion. For more information, contact **Barbara Barber** at **(954) 762-8945**, or dial **1-888-385-0606**.



South Florida Senior Games

The 12th Annual South Florida Senior Games are set for January 23 through February 8 2002. Opening ceremonies are scheduled to take place at Holiday Park on January 23 from noon to 3 p.m. Registrations will be mailed out in December. If you have never attended and would like information on participating or registration simply call **Judy Thom** at **(954) 828-4610**, **Kim Warren** at **(954) 762-8941**, or **Dori Horowitz** at **(954) 357-8170** and ask to be on the mailing list. This South Florida olympiad, a part of the National Senior Games Association Series, is for people 50 years of age and older and consists of more than 70 athletic and leisure competitions.



Promenade At Holiday Park

Promenade in the Park is back for 2001 and will take place at Holiday Park and War Memorial Auditorium November 9 - 11, 2001.

Promenade in the Park 2001, organized by Beaux Arts, an all-volunteer fundraising auxiliary of the Museum of Art of Florida, is a three-day festival for the entire family to enjoy. Activities include arts and crafts, live entertainment on two stages, amusement park rides, children's activities including student art exhibits, a juried art show, a sports tent, international foods, civic/commercial exhibits and so much more. Promenade In The Park 2001 hours are: Friday, November 9, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Sunday, November 11, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are available until November 8th at \$4 per individual tickets at various locations including:

- * Holiday Park Social Center (located at 1150 G. Harold Martin Drive, next to Gym off of N.E. 8th Street and Federal Hwy.;
- * War Memorial Auditorium (800 NE 8th St.);
- * Museum of Art (One East Las Olas Blvd.);
- * Ledbetter Davie Inc (2400 East Oakland Park Blvd.);

Tickets at the gate are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children (12 and under). Admission is free to children ages three and under.

Visit **www.promenadeinthepark.com** for more information or leave a message at **(954) 764-5973**.

3rd Annual Turkey Shoot Set For November 10

Hoop it up at this annual City of Fort Lauderdale event.

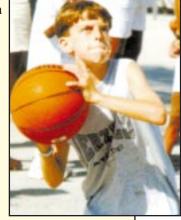
Children and parents alike will have the opportunity to shoot free throws to win

turkeys, treats and treasures.

Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dates: November 10
Ages: All ages welcome
Fee: 10 shots for \$1

Location: Sports Authority 1901 North Federal Highway For more information, call

(954) 828-4565.



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